

DSROI 2022



9th Disability, Sexuality and Rights Online Institute

About the Course

CREA's Disability, Sexuality, and Rights Online Institute (DSROI) provides a study of theory and practice at the intersection of disability, gender and sexuality. Started in 2010, the Institute is, in majority, led by activists, community organizers and academics with disabilities from the global South. The aim is to: create understanding on how disability, sexuality and gender intersect across diverse constituencies; build a political perspective on how the sexual rights of persons with disabilities can be upheld; strategize to dismantle ableism and provide knowledge on mechanisms and frameworks for building more inclusive and intersectional sexual rights advocacy. Participants develop their ability to work in inclusive and holistic ways that further human rights and social justice. The course is offered through an accessible online learning platform. After nine successful Institutes, we now have a wide-ranging alumni base spread across the globe.

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This course provided a great opportunity for me to systematically grasp knowledge and good practices about disability and sexuality. At different points it also prompted me to reflect on my personal experience as a woman with disability, and to use that as a resource of learning.

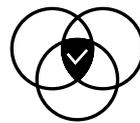
**Zhying Ma, DSROI
Alumni, 2016**

Essential elements of DSROI

- The course will look at sexual and disability rights through evolving theories of sexuality, disability and human rights
- The course will center diversity of disability and sexuality representations and experiences across the globe
- Participants will learn from diverse persons with disabilities how to advance the sexual & reproductive rights and dismantle ableism
- The course is grounded in rights enshrined in the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)
- The course will examine efforts to end gender-based and ableist violence persons with disabilities face
- Faculty are persons with disabilities from across the globe working at the intersection of disability and sexuality



Accessible learning platform



Intersectional & cross-movement



Inclusive learning spaces



Diverse faculty & facilitators

Eligibility

The DSROI is open to activists, practitioners, journalists, donors, legal experts and development actors engaged in feminist advocacy, sexual and reproductive health rights, sexual and gender diversity, disability rights, media and arts worldwide.

Participants will be selected based on: 1. demonstrated interest in disability and sexuality and 2. how the learning from the DSROI will apply to their work. Preference will be given to participants from the global South who work as activists and community organizers and are connected to broader rights movements addressing sexual rights, disability and feminism; practitioners working on access to justice, sexual and reproductive health rights, gender-based violence; and donors or philanthropists with demonstrated commitment to supporting human rights. We strongly encourage persons with disabilities to apply!

Format & Workload

The course will be conducted entirely online and in English. The online learning platform is fully accessible. Lectures will be held using Zoom with live captioning in English and country specific Sign Language interpretation based on participant needs. There will be two live lectures each week. The course content will be available on the online learning platform for participants to review at their own pace each week. There will be facilitated group discussions and exercises to allow for practical engagement in course content. Participants will also be required to submit a final project.

Although the course is introductory, the work will be challenging covering complex ideas and theory. We encourage active engagement so participants can learn from each other's thoughts and experiences.

Course participation will require between **8-12 hours per week**. Each week's requirements can be completed at the convenience of participants as long as it is within broader time parameters. Participants will be expected to participate in the entire course and complete all assignments, as much as possible.



The course has been designed and tested to be accessible to people with different types of disabilities. The online learning platform is accessible to those using screen reading software and all course materials are provided in accessible formats. All live lectures via video conferencing will have Communication Access Realtime Translation Applications (CART) and country specific Sign Language interpretation upon request for selected participants. CREA staff are available to support additionally as needed.

Applications

Applications will close on **5 August 2022**. Applications received after this date will not be considered. Applicants will be informed about the **selection decisions by 10 September**.

APPLY NOW!

Alternatively, you can download the [manual form](#) and email it to dsroi@creaworld.org.

If you require accessibility accommodations in completing the application, please let us know at dsroi@creaworld.org. We also accept applications sent by video or through Zoom in Sign Language. Attach a copy of your latest resume or CV. All questions must be answered — your resume or CV cannot substitute for an answer.